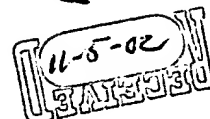


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The Examiner's acknowledgement, in the third paragraph on page 7 of the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, that the purpose and function of Applicants' invention are different from the purpose and function of the Schwutke et al. system is extremely important. By understanding these differences between Applicants' invention and Schwutke et al., one can more readily attribute the appropriate meanings to the wordings of Applicants' claims and what is described the Schwutke et al. system, so that one can conclude that Applicants' claims, as written, do, indeed, distinguish Applicants' invention from Schwutke et al. As will become apparent, the words of greatest significance are "generating a grid based on data values" (according to Applicants' invention) versus "generating a display of data values" (as taught by Schwutke et al.).

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